

SOVIET PROBE INTO 'CASE 24' WORRIES THE DISSENTERS

By STEPHENS BROENING

MOSCOW (AP). — NOTHING has made Soviet dissenters as nervous in recent years as the investigation by the secret police into "case no. 24." From Odessa to Leningrad, from Riga to Novosibirsk, hundreds of people have been questioned, dozens of homes have been searched.

Case 24 was opened earlier this year after a decision by the Communist Party leadership to uproot the "Chronicle of Current Events," organ of the underground civil rights movement. Despite a deployment of secret agents of the KGB the latest issue of the "Chronicle" appeared on schedule at the end of last month, and on Sunday the type-written journal marked its fourth anniversary.

The "Chronicle" records what its editors consider to be civil rights violations. Despite a packet of onionskin sheets stapled together in the upper left-hand corner. It circulates like a chain letter: whoever receives it is encouraged to type a few copies and pass them on to friends.

No fixed base

The editors are anonymous, and the "Chronicle" is said to have no fixed base. In issue number 5 the editors explained why: "The 'Chronicle' is in no sense an illegal publication. The difficult conditions in which it is produced are created by the peculiar notions about law and freedom of information which in the course of many long years have become the established ones in certain Soviet organizations. For this reason the 'Chronicle' cannot, like any other journal, give its postal address on the last page."

Potential contributors are told they may "easily pass on information to the editors of the 'Chronicle'." Simply tell it to the person who gives this copy to you and he will pass it on to the person who gave it to him, and so forth. Only, unless you wish to be taken as a police informer, do not try to trace back the whole chain of communication.

Questioning

The interrogation of Galina Gabal by a Lieutenant Colonel Yospichuk of the KGB is one attempt to discover the chain of communication. Suspected of having had a part in the "Chronicle's" compilation, Mrs. Gabal, a woman who teaches the deaf and the mute, was summoned to Yospichuk's office at Lefortovo Prison in Moscow to answer questions about the "Chronicle's" publication and distribution.

During three long sessions, Mrs. Gabal was asked to copy pages of an early "Chronicle" on a typewriter, on the premise that if she had helped in typing the journal her touch on the keys would be recognizable, like handwriting.

"To aid her memory," one dissident remarked, her husband, Ilya, has been brought to Lefortovo from a labour camp where he has been serving a three-year sentence for having publicized the plight of the Crimean Tatars. Gabal is due for

release on the 19th of next month, and the KGB is hinting that his detention may be prolonged unless his wife "cooperates," dissident sources report.

Mrs. Gabal's interrogation began too late for the most recent "Chronicle" to report it, but it is the kind of thing the journal would print. It concentrates on arrests, interrogations, searches, commitment of political prisoners to psychiatric "hospitals," trial transcripts, releases from camps and obituaries.

People like Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Yuli Daniel, Andrei Sakharov, Alexander Ginzburg, Zhores Medvedev, Mstislav Rostropovich, Andrei Amalrik and General Pyotr Grigorenko have figured prominently in the "Chronicle's" reports. But so have the unknown. "On June 22, Pavel Lobkov, a Jehovah's witness, was released from Dubrovlag Camp 17 on completion of a 25-year sentence," one typical item reads. "On June 17 Mikhail Mikhailovich Soroka died suddenly of a heart attack in Dubrovlag Camp 17-8," another reported.

The "Chronicle's" network of correspondents appears to be widespread and there has been some evidence of sources within the Communist Party itself. There have also been rumours that certain officials in the KGB, for their own reasons, have not been unhappy about the "Chronicle's" existence.

The first "Chronicle" appeared on April 30, 1968, coinciding with the United Nations designation of 1968 as "International Human Rights Year."

The title page of the first five issues which appeared in 1968 stated that it was also "Human Rights Year in the Soviet Union."

As the "Chronicle" enters its fifth year of publication its title page declares: "Human Rights Year in the Soviet Union Continues."

Leningrad trial victim has breakdown

TEL YOSEF. — Word has reached this kibbutz from the Soviet Union that one of the people jailed last year in the Leningrad plane-bijack case has suffered a nervous breakdown due to maltreatment by his jailers.

The man, 40-year-old architectural engineer Shlomo Dreizner, was adopted by the kibbutz after he was sentenced to three years in prison for Zionist activity. The information reaching the kibbutz says that Dreizner had been suffering for two months from a severe toothache in his Mordovian labour camp, without any treatment, when he learned that his grandfather had died. This left no one to care for Dreizner's year-and-a-half-old son, and the shock of the news led to a nervous breakdown.

When Dreizner was unable to work because of his mental state, the camp authorities took away his right to receive visitors. Dreizner went on a hunger strike, and was threatened with further punishment if he did not stop.

Israel trying to counter Arab WHO move

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent Israel is in contact with friendly nations — through its legations abroad — in an effort to counter an Arab-inspired move to have Israel "suspended" from the World Health Organization. Reports have been reaching Jerusalem that a move of this kind is being prepared for the WHO Annual Conference in Geneva later this month. Israel's delegation to the Conference will be led by Health Minister Victor Shemtov.

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Tide turning against Tupamaro guerrillas

By JAMES NEILSON

BUENOS AIRES (Ona). — THE Tupamaros, Uruguay's urban terrorists, have been so severely mauled in a series of fierce battles with police and troops at in Montevideo it is felt the tide has turned at last. Many Tupamaros have been captured. President Juan Maria Bordaberry, a rich landowner who took office March 1 after elections in which a Leftist coalition popularly identified with the Tupamaros made a springing poor showing, has proven sterner than his predecessor and mentor Arturo Pacheco Arce.

The election results demonstrated the enthusiasm among Uruguayans for him personally. He polled over votes than his Blanco opponent did won only because votes cast for Colorado Party members were used to his own. Nor was there such enthusiasm for his party which is labouring as a minority in both houses of Parliament. The results did indicate, however, that most people were prepared to accept a return to democracy, methods of the fight against the Tupamaros.

"Daring idealists"

At one time the Tupamaros were widely regarded as daring idealists, misguided perhaps, but admirable nonetheless. Public opinion turned against them as Uruguayans saw that terrorism did nothing to help solve the country's grave economic problems and was merely postponing the return to prosperity.

The all-out campaign against the Tupamaros followed another spectacular escape from Montevideo's topography in which 15 guerrillas escaped taking six common criminals with them. Two days later, on April 18, eight Tupamaros died after a wild fight in which they ambushed and killed a key police intelligence officer, cut down a navy captain and led a hardline military opposition to terrorism, and then murdered a former interior under-secretary in the streets of Montevideo.

Chief police claims that Raul Tomic, founder and leader of the Tupamaros, was among the dead. He was humiliated by the

'The public has lost faith in the terrorists because they seem to be merely postponing the return to prosperity'

break and shocked by the blood bath. Bordaberry had little trouble in persuading Parliament to pass the legislation necessary for a "state of internal war" to last 30 days. The new laws enabled him to hit the Tupamaros with everything he had, and within hours about 40,000 troops were swarming through Montevideo and other towns looking for the guerrilla hideouts.

The Tupamaro offensive was a logical consequence of the Left's failure in the general elections. Their policy of snapping at the Government's heels in a relatively bloodless fashion, robbing banks and kidnapping prominent men, had become bogged down. They were making little progress and stood to lose a slow war of attrition with the security forces. Faced with the choice of slowly suffocating or mounting a desperate attack they decided to attack. Now they are reaping the whirlwind.

Siege battle

The first results of the Government assault were as bloody as the violence that inspired it. Seven people were killed in a siege of a Communist clubhouse, when troops, according to witnesses, just blazed away. At first the dead were claimed to be Tupamaros, but later the Government admitted they were merely peaceful party members, unconnected with the terrorism which the Moscow-orientated party does not support.

Uruguay's Parliament was reluctant to give the security forces the leeway they demanded. It is conscious that the nation's cherished civil liberties have been a major casualty in the

fight against terrorism, and only the shock engendered by the series of assassinations enabled Bordaberry to push his Bills through so easily. In their effort to undermine Uruguayan democracy the Tupamaros have been highly successful. Newspaper censorship is now a feature of the Uruguayan way of life. Even Argentina's military dictatorship, engaged as it is in a war to the death with urban guerrillas, shows far more respect for Press freedom than does the civilian administration next door.

As disquieting as the erosion of civil liberties is the apparent emergence of a Uruguayan "Death Squad" closely modelled on the Brazilian organization that has disposed of hundreds, perhaps over a thousand, criminals in the last five years, frequently torturing them before giving them the coup de grace.

Murder of liberals

The Brazilian "Death Squad" is composed of police officers who feel the law makes life too easy for criminals. It has also turned its attention to left-wing leaders and has been accused of murdering a few liberals who have been brave enough to protest against the actions of this unofficial arm of the police.

A Uruguayan "Death Squad" has yet to be clearly identified, but the leader of the Uruguayan opposition, who is also the Speaker of the Lower House, has admitted that it is a "serious matter." His statement came after he had been held for 24 hours by the Tupamaros and had interviewed a police officer among the captives held in their "People's Prison" which once housed the former British Ambassador, Sir Geoffrey Jackson. Certainly the appearance of a right-wing anti-Tupamaro organization, drawing its members from frustrated police officers, has long been expected, since the Tupamaros have been attributed to it.

The situation in Uruguay has had repercussions far beyond the tiny country's borders. Terrorist groups elsewhere on the continent and even further afield have long been encouraged by Tupamaros activity.

Big rise in tourism from Italy expected

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ROME. — A TREMENDOUS and as yet only partially tapped potential for tourism to Israel exists in Italy," Mr. Moshe Simhon, Director of the Israeli Tourist Bureau in Rome, told *The Jerusalem Post* recently.

In 1970, some 8,400 Italians visited Israel; the number in 1971 was 16,000, "and we can expect a 30 to 40 per cent increase during 1972 according to present forecasts," says Mr. Simhon, adding that there is no reason why there should not be a steady increase every year from now into the foreseeable future, though he will not predict the rate of that increase.

The reason why comparatively few Italians have visited Israel so far is a perfectly understandable one. They may be interested in Israel, but great numbers of Italians stay home during the tourist season because Italy is a "tourist country par excellence" and is flooded with visitors needing lodging, food, transport, guides, souvenir shops, and so on.

1969 — the last year for which official figures are available — Italy had 31.25 million visitors.

With a population of 55 million, this means one visitor for every two Italians. And if an Italian does want to go abroad, he simply gets on a train, has a good night's rest, and wakes up next morning in France, Switzerland, Germany, Austria or Yugoslavia. A little later in the day he can be in England, Holland, Belgium or Denmark.

"But in 1971 the Italian tourist began adding Israel to his list," Mr. Simhon says. "In 1970, we here in the Tourist Bureau devoted most of our efforts to pounding on the doors of local travel agents trying to get them to sell Israel to their clients. In 1971 the situation changed. The agents began to pound on our door in increasing numbers. But we are still pounding on their doors, for as I said, the potential here is vast."

Pilgrimages

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Mr. Simhon says that Italians are showing an increasing interest in Israel as the "Terra Sancta" and says that the number of religious pilgrimages is growing all the time. Incidentally, he points out that Rome is the centre for Roman Catholic pilgrims from all over the world and there is no reason why these same pilgrims should not extend their journey to Israel, which is only a few hours further on by plane.

Specialized groups

Specialized groups are also curious about Israel and are planning visits. They include many agriculturalists and agronomists, since the climate of southern Italy and Sicily is not vastly different from much of Israel, and many Italians engaged in these fields think they should study Israeli methods. Other groups planning visits are composed of school teachers and graduates from various university towns. The latter include a group of architects from the University of Bari; a group of doctors from the University of Pisa; and a group of agricultural engineers from the University of Palermo.

The Tourist Bureau is trying to persuade sea cruises to stop at Haifa; and, together with El Al, is trying to encourage Italian tourists — and others taking planes in Italy — to break their flight in Israel en route to Africa and the Far East.

"Tourist prices in Israel are roughly comparable to those in Italy," Mr. Simhon says, although he adds that visitors to Italy can find pensions which are clean and pleasant, but which charge very reasonable prices.

And as a sign of the interest in Israel, Mr. Simhon notes that Alitalia is adding another plane daily this summer — making two instead of one as at present — and TWA has put a jump on the Rome-Lod route and is investing much time, effort and money in both Rome and Milan in encouraging tourism to Israel.

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Bonn ambassador leaves Greece

ATHENS (Reuter). — The West German ambassador to Greece, Mr. Peter Limbourg, recalled at the request of the Greek Government for allegedly helping a Greek political prisoner escape from the country, has left Athens for home.

Last month, Greece accused Mr. Limbourg of having organized the escape abroad of Professor George Mangakias a few hours after his provisional release on health grounds

from a Greek prison, where he was serving an 18-year term. Under Greek law, he could not leave the country without permission of the judicial authorities.

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FROM DISASTER TO SUCCESS

Economic Editor Moshe Ater tells of the happy change in the fortunes of the Bet Shean-Nazareth Textile Works



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A "MODERATE" RECOVERY IS REPORTED

Profits up for top 10 U.S. firms

NEW YORK (AP). — America's 500 largest industrial corporations staged only a moderate recovery last year, with sales and profits both up about 8 per cent over 1970 levels, according to the May issue of "Fortune" business magazine.

Sales of the "Fortune 500" passed the half-trillion mark for the first time, reaching almost \$503 billion, an 8.4 per cent increase over the previous year. Still, the gains trailed previous recovery years, such as 1969 when sales jumped 11.6 per cent and 1962 when they rose 9.5 per cent.

Profits, which fell sharply in 1970, came back almost to 1969 levels with General Motors accounting for 76 per cent of the increase. Total profits for the "500" amounted to \$23.4 billion in 1971, compared with \$21.7 billion in 1970 and \$24.7 billion in 1969.

G.M. rebounding from its 1970 strike, had profits of 1.9 billion up \$1.3 billion, and sales of \$28.3 billion, up \$9.5 billion. It was first-

ranked in both sales and profits among the "500."

The only changes among the top 10 industrials involved International Telephone and Telegraph Co., which was nudged out of eighth place by Texaco. I.T.T. sales totalled \$7.3 billion, while Texaco's were \$7.5 billion. In the whole top 500 list, 21 companies were displaced.

The billion-dollar sales club gained seven new members last year, boosting the total to 127 companies — over one-quarter of the list.

In 1971, sales increased for 394 companies. The sharpest increase was scored by U.S. Smelting Refining and Mining, whose sales jumped 109 per cent to \$337 million. It had dropped off the list in 1970 but returned to the new ranking as number 323 after acquiring control of Federal Pacific Electric.

There were 315 companies reporting higher income, compared with 216 in 1970.

There were 32 companies which lost money. Anaconda suffered the

THE success story of Bet Shean-Nazareth Textile Works is peculiar to this country, because it is not based on clever financing, nor on the application of sophisticated techniques, nor on tariff protection, but on good management.

Proof is to be found in the company's disastrous performance before its takeover by Clal four years ago. Its accumulated losses at the end of March, 1971 were over IL26m. The balance sheet for the 1971-72 financial year has not yet been finalized, but it is expected to show a small profit. This is expected to increase considerably in the current year as a result of an envisaged growth of turnover of about 20 per cent, including an export expansion of more than 50 per cent. All our textile industry benefits from the prosperity and rising demand at home, and from improved competitive terms abroad owing to the lower exchange rate of the Israeli pound. However, that can not fully explain this company's dramatic change.

Overheads cut

As usual in such cases, the exact reasons for the success are difficult to establish, at least for an outsider. One might assume that new investments played at least a minor part in the bigger output and sales volume. Quite the contrary; the steep rise in profitability has been achieved by putting the existing equipment to use and by reducing the burden of overheads in unit cost. In the Nazareth plant the spindles and looms — which were second-hand when they were installed 13 years ago — are still in operation. Although a number of modern Swiss weaving machines have been added, most of the investments have been made in the printing and tailoring divisions to adjust these to the new production programme. But half of the tailoring is carried out outside the factories, in workshops operating on a job basis. The company now avails itself of 15 outside plants including one in Gaza and two in Nabatieh.

Labour problem

The importance of these outside production facilities lies not in their lower cost, but in their mobilization of additional labour sources. The shortage of labour was one major problem which prevented the utilization of existing factories and the new management's achievement seems to have been based largely on its ability to solve this problem. In Bet Shean — which had been plagued by labour unrest and absenteeism — wage incentives have been increased, and now include special premiums for shift work, and relations with the shop committee have been put on a new basis. In the Nazareth plant, non-Jewish labour has been recruited on a substantial scale, so that by now it accounts for more than one-half of the factory's 850 employees.

Arab workers — mostly female — from Nazareth and villages up to a radius of 60 km. from the town are taken to and from the factory by a fleet of 25 tenders plying at the company's expense. Moslem and Christian workers not only get equal pay, and the same advancement opportunities as Jews (a number of them have actually reached foreman positions), but ac-

into fabrics, and an increasing part of fabrics is sold in form of apparel. As a result, the value added in the product sold is about doubled, and the price achieved per kg. of cotton processed is increased more than tenfold.

It goes without saying that this has necessitated more than just setting up additional sewing machines. Fashion designing had to be developed; marketing contacts had to be established with stores abroad; quality control had to be stiffened; sea transport for exports had to be largely replaced by air transport.

But the changed sales pattern has also greatly improved the company's profitability. Not only are profit margins in clothing much bigger than in fabrics, but also yarn. Export credit terms are also more convenient than those prevailing in the home market. Last but not least, export sales provide big orders which make possible high production runs, instead of the small ones involving higher unit costs, for the limited home market.

The yarn division is beginning to break even as a result of the recent rise in yarn prices abroad, and fabrics are bringing in modest profits. But most of the profit is derived from clothing, which accounted for only five per cent of the turnover last year. Experts of fashion clothing bring a higher profit than home sales. Small wonder, therefore, that the production of

clothing — virtually all of which is exported — is being doubled, and that exports of yarn and fabrics are being out.

Last year, exports totalled about \$2m. The figure is expected to top \$5m. by 1975, with most of it consisting of wearing apparel. By then exports are expected to account for at least one-half of the company's turnover and profit, as compared with the present one-quarter.

By far the greatest quantity of exports goes to the U.S. though the company gets sizeable orders from European markets (Germany, Holland, Switzerland) and even from Japan. The U.S. market is expected to remain dominant in the foreseeable future. Fundamentally, the recent devaluation of the Israeli pound, as compared to non-dollar currencies has resulted mainly in reducing the price advantage which was enjoyed by Israel's competitors — in particular Japan — in the American market.

Co-ordination

Not the least significant part of the company's achievement has been its success in decentralising management. Its production is divided between the factories in Nazareth and Bet Shean in addition to the outside workshops — while the financial and marketing headquarters are in Tel Aviv. Smooth co-ordination of activities in such conditions requires careful planning and budgeting, speedy reporting, and a management able to respond to currently changing problems and changes. Not many companies in this country have managed to fulfil these requirements as well as the Bet Shean-Nazareth Textile Works.



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Loans for Dan municipalities

RISHON LEZION. — The value of land on which the Dan region sewage ponds are located is estimated at IL3,000m; Mayor Hananiah Gibstein of Rishon Lezion told a World Bank mission Friday. The mission is here studying the possibilities of granting loans to the Dan region municipalities in solving their sewage problems.

Mr. Gibstein said that the sewage ponds west of here occupy 31,000 dunams of land, belonging to the government and the municipality. The lowest price for a dunam of land in Rishon today is IL100,000. If the Government would sell this land, it could solve all the housing problems of the country with the money acquired, the mayor said, with enough money left to build a "conventional" closed sewage project. This would solve the sewage problems not only of the Dan region but of all the coastal area municipalities.

Nuclear high energy chair dedicated

A chair in nuclear and high energy chemistry was dedicated at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem last week in the name of Max Hertz Kransberg and his wife Betty, of Weston, Connecticut.

The dedication took place at a dinner at the University's Beligum House Faculty Club. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Kransberg, and their son-in-law Mr. Emanuel Get of Great Neck, New York, who together with his wife Naomi and her sister, Miss Jeanette Kransberg, endowed the Chair.

Mr. Kransberg was formerly associated with Lafayette Radio Electronics.

CLAL - ISRAEL INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED & SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

Consolidated Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1971 (Summary)

| | December 31, 1970 | | December 31, 1971 | |
|--|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| | IL | IL | IL | IL |
| Investments | | | | |
| In companies in which shares are held | 80,258,398 | 84,884,134 | Capital, Reserves and Surplus | |
| Debentures | 15,323,514 | 2,883,968 | Shares Capital | 78,000,000 |
| Tenancy Rights and Other Property for Hire | 7,658,427 | 3,878,289 | Reserves and Surplus | 20,166,830 |
| | 88,350,649 | 103,806,391 | Investment Grant | 1,450,267 |
| Loans and Deposits | 178,813,078 | 89,907,687 | General Provisions | 6,778,230 |
| Fixed Assets | 49,688,510 | 10,007,808 | External Shareholders in Subsidiaries | 22,848,207 |
| Other Assets | 48,317,818 | 12,609,089 | Deferred Income | 2,786,014 |
| Current Assets | 174,217,761 | 93,173,645 | Long-term Liabilities | 265,185,878 |
| Deferred Expenses | 6,421,398 | 4,186,941 | Current Liabilities | 143,988,898 |
| Chairman, Board of Directors | (-) | | | |
| Aharon Dovrat | (-) | | | |
| Member of the Board | (-) | | | |
| Baruch Rabikow | (-) | | | |
| Member of the Board | (-) | | | |
| M. B. Gitter | (-) | | | |
| Member of the Board and Managing Director | (-) | | | |
| Israel Pollak | (-) | | | |
| | 534,676,629 | 315,296,659 | 534,676,629 | 315,296,659 |

Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss for the year ended December 31, 1971 (Summary)

| | 1970 | |
|--|------------|------------|
| | IL | IL |
| Income | 74,177,784 | 80,236,919 |
| Expenses | 49,137,773 | 19,473,763 |
| Operating Profit on Income before taxes | 25,040,011 | 10,855,288 |
| Provision for taxes on income | 20,037,898 | 1,547,889 |
| Operating Profit on Income after taxes | 15,002,113 | 9,307,399 |
| Capital Profit: Net | 4,789,978 | 3,889,984 |
| | 19,792,091 | 13,197,383 |
| Transfer to General Provisions Fund and Amortization | 2,763,689 | 1,482,371 |
| Group Profit attributable to undivided Profits of Subsidiaries | 394,706 | 437,762 |
| Net Group Profit for the year | 17,028,402 | 10,922,689 |
| Profit attributable to external shareholders of subsidiaries | 6,350,823 | 872,889 |
| Net Profit for the year | 13,640,798 | 10,049,800 |
| Balance of Profit at the beginning of the year | 2,959,245 | 1,944,687 |
| Profit Available for Appropriation | 16,600,043 | 11,994,487 |
| Interim Dividends | 6,750,000 | 6,997,000 |
| | 9,850,043 | 5,000,000 |
| Transfer to Reserves | 6,261,281 | 6,413,111 |
| Unappropriated Balance of Profit | 3,348,762 | 2,581,376 |

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Roof organization for immigrants

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... It is widely agreed that the official apparatus for the absorption of new immigrants is not functioning well.

overall action of the general organization. This general organization should first elect local committees at general assemblies of immigrants at all absorption centres.

Bid to help newcomers

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... In a letter published on April 1, "Bid to Help Newcomers," Mrs. Weil mentions among others that the Israel Discount Bank had a programme for getting new immigrant families to meet Israelis.

We managed to join about 2000 new immigrants with old residents and know of many friendships that developed as a result of our campaign.

A.A.C.I. IN NORTH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... We are interested in hearing from people in the Nahariya area who would like to form a Nahariya branch of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel.

Would those interested please contact any of the undersigned at their earliest convenience.

Readers' letters

What's wrong with the tourist industry

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... My wife and I were in Israel on January 4, 1972, and I saw your front-page editorial "Tourist boom," and clipped it out.

The problems that we, and others of our party, had on both trips were with the desk clerks, managers and assistant managers. The attitude of these executives and semi-executives seemed to be that we were a necessary nuisance.

and some of us will continue to come back—because of Israel and despite how we are treated at your hotels. How long this continues will depend on how long it takes for your selfish and short-sighted hotel managements to kill the geese that are laying the golden eggs for them.

Pensions and the cost-of-living

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... Increases in cost-of-living allowances apply to all wages and salaries. I would like to ask the National Insurance Institute if it would not be logical and fair to link old-age pensions to the cost-of-living as well.

The National Insurance Institute replies: In accordance with the National Insurance Law, paragraphs 11 (A) and 14, old-age and survivors' pensions are linked to the cost-of-living index. Therefore, all increases in the cost-of-living index entail an increase in old-age and survivors' pensions.

During the past year, old-age pensions were increased twice. On April 1, 1971, the pension for a single person, not including additional payments was IL96; on September 1, it was increased by 5.2 per cent to IL101. On April 1 of this year, it went up to IL111, which means an overall increase of 15.6 per cent by comparison with last year.

A proposal to amend the law has been submitted to the Minister of Labour, whereby old-age and survivors' pensions would be pegged at 15 per cent of the average salary. If this is accepted, every increase in the average salary will automatically entail an increase in old-age pensions.

ELHANAN GAFFNI, Director Department of Public Relations Jerusalem, April 16.

IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... I understand that the Government is planning to introduce changes in the rights of immigrants and allow them to bring in tax-free only those goods produced in their countries of origin, or made in Israel.

I would certainly introduce changes in immigrants' rights, but in quite another direction. I would give them duty-free rights, valid for three years, only after a three-year stay in the country. By that time, the many immigrants who arrive practically penniless (mainly from the U.S.S.R.) will have had time to work and make some money to exercise their rights.

PHILIP MOSE Burbank, California, April 16.

Formica trademark

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... Our clients, Messrs. Formica International Limited of De La Rue House, London, have sent us a clipping from your paper's issue of January 13 containing a notice concerning the production of laminated plastic by Sefen.

In that notice your correspondent has used the designation Formica in a way which might suggest that

it is a generic term for a certain type of material. Presumably your correspondent was unaware of the fact that actually Formica is a proprietary name and is registered in Israel as a trademark.

DE. REINHOLD COHEN and PARTNERS PATENT ATTORNEYS Tel Aviv, April 12.

STUDY AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM SUMMER COURSES 1972

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Hotel bookings and weekends

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... My wife and I spent the Passover holidays at the Hanita rest house, arriving in the evening of Wednesday, March 29, and leaving after lunch on Wednesday, April 5.

When a guest arrives and registers at a hotel, it is customary to ask him when he is planning to leave. At that time, Mr. Arnold could have made the special arrangements referred to, but it is impossible to ascertain from his letter whether he did so.

T. ARNOLD Binyamina, April 7.

Exceptions are only made if other specific arrangements have been agreed upon between the hotelier and his guest. Holidays and weekends are considered as a unit as far as bookings are concerned and are not divided into separate days.

However, the Director of our Department of Hotels and Restaurants points out that a hotel room which is given up in the middle of a weekend or a holiday and remains empty represents a loss of revenue for the hotel, since it cannot be rented for the rest of the period.

RIVKA SCHERBAUM Assistant Spokesman Jerusalem, April 23.

Herzl in Sadagora

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... I wish to avail myself of the hospitality of your columns in order to comment on the article by your reporter David Landau, "The Zionist Rebbe of Sadagora" (The Jerusalem Post Magazine of April 14).

David Landau comments: Herzl had read more than just a few references in Herzl's diary, he would have been able to present your readers with an interesting story.

DE. M. HEYMANN The Central Zionist Archives Jerusalem, April 18.

ISRAEL'S URGENT NEEDS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... The foreign Jewish press recently contained appeals calling for contributions to help alleviate Israel's urgent needs in the fields of welfare and integration.

As a prospective donor, may I ask how these appeals can be considered compatible with the staggering sums Israel squanders on its political flirtations in Africa and elsewhere? According to Mr. Eban, Israel provides aid to 70 countries, amounting to tens of millions of dollars, notwithstanding the Ugandan experience.

MILDEED GOLDMAN Jerusalem (Los Angeles) April 16.

FIRST-CLASS CITIZENS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... Young men and women who have served in the military force of the State of Israel should be given the same economic rights and privileges for housing and purchase as those accorded to the new immigrant, the temporary resident, and the returning Israeli.

EVING OBLIKOWITZ Ashkelon, April 24.

BAT YAM NEWCOMERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post... We would like to point out that here in Bat Yam meetings are held every second Tuesday for all English-speaking immigrants at the Mansion of the Moetzet Hapohot Imahot Oydot, 58 Ha'atzmout. Programmes are varied to suit all tastes, and include discussions, social activities, trips, etc.

PAULA FELBERG Bat Yam, April 26.

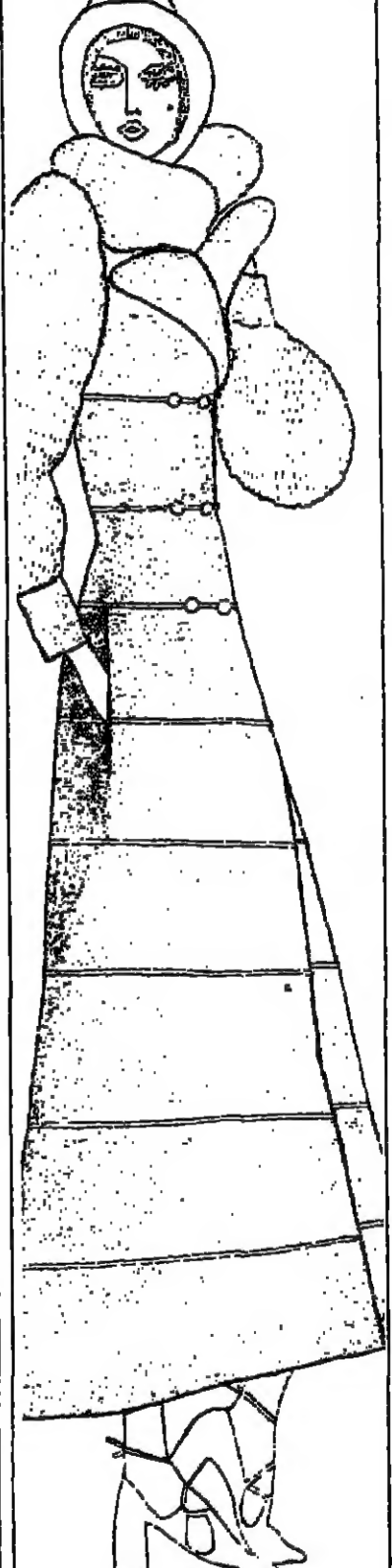
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Half the country's oldsters live on IL171 per month

By SUSAN BELLOS
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The National Insurance Institute has issued new figures about old people in poverty, indicating that 46 per cent of all of Israel's 200,700 pensioners live on IL171 a month. The new survey also indicates that, like the rest of the population, there is a striking social gap among Israel's aged.

ed so poor that they are entitled to supplementary benefits from the Treasury to add to their basic pensions of IL101. The number of people who need these supplementary benefits has increased from 40 per cent in 1965, although the number was then expected to drop to 30 per cent over the next few years.

Student accused of obstructing policeman

A Hebrew University student accused of obstructing a police officer attempting to make an arrest last week was released in IL1,500 bail yesterday, after spending five days in jail.

Arava crewmen caught in smuggling bid

LOD AIRPORT. — Customs officials here foiled an attempt by crew members of an Israeli exhibition craft to smuggle goods into the country Saturday night, when they returned from Germany. The crew piloted an Arava plane which represented Israel at the Hannover Air Show.

Students to protest hike in tuition

The National Students Union is planning a two-hour warning strike on Wednesday in all universities to protest a proposed raise in university tuition fees.

Sheraton beach 'segregation' approved in T.A.

TEL AVIV. — The City Council yesterday approved the segregation of the Sheraton Beach for religious bathers, with separate facilities for men and women.

Fund-raising drive for the retarded aims for IL½m.

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Thousands of volunteers will go from door to door on Wednesday to raise funds for Aidm's annual "Roof-for-the-Retarded-Child" campaign.

Private Arab loans approved for Nablus

The Nablus Municipality yesterday obtained Cabinet approval to take loans totalling several million pounds from private Arab sources (reportedly from banks in Jordan and Kuwait) to spend on development projects.

Persistent car thief gets two years

ETAH TERKVA. — A 20-year-old thief was yesterday sentenced to 24 months imprisonment, after being found guilty in the Magistrate's Court here of stealing a car belonging to a soldier.

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Some of the contraband confiscated from the crew of Israel's Arava, which returned from Germany Saturday night. (I.P.P.A.)

Slight easing in cargo congestion at Haifa Port

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Haifa Port warehouses were clogged with an average of 49,000 tons of cargo daily during the month of April, compared to only 35,000 tons at the beginning of the winter season. But now the situation is easing somewhat, Port spokesman Iair Bar-Mashiah told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

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IL150,000 tax break for Al Aksa Mosque

Equipment for repair of the Al Aksa Mosque in the Old City, which arrived in Haifa Port recently from Italy, is being released duty free, the office of the adviser to the Prime Minister on Arab and Druse affairs announced yesterday.

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Since the cease-fire Tourists' numbers top official estimates

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When the tourist influx last year shot up a fantastic per cent — to 650,000 visitors — the increase was attributed largely to the cease-fire. The sudden swell was thought to represent the would-be visitors dammed up by Egypt's "war of attrition" and released by the truce of the previous summer, which by the onset of 1971 was generally regarded as durable.

The pattern underwent a radical change in 1971. In this year, he said, Israel could be said to have entered the mainstream of European tourism, with tens of thousands coming to her shores for recreation and rest. For the first time, visitors from Europe approximately equalled the number from North America — each comprising about 40 per cent of the total. Non-Jewish tourists were rapidly catching up with the total of Jewish visitors, while from Europe the majority were Christian.

The Ministry does not expect to maintain the same rate over the year, however. Hanoch Givton, its Director-General, told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday that present thinking puts the expected figure for the year at around 500,000, a 20 per cent increase. Income to the tourist industry, he added warily, should top \$200m.

Even more significant than the growth in numbers, Mr. Givton stressed, was the change in the pattern and components of tourism to Israel. So long as the annual figure stood under half a million visitors, this tourism was largely motivated by religious, sentimental or ideological motives. It was made up for the greater part by Jews, Christians drawn to the religious and historical sites, and people interested in the country's social experiments. Its main source was North American Jewry.

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